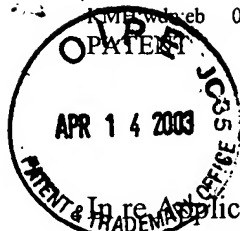


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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is a reply to the restriction requirement dated March 13, 2003. A one-month period for response was set, making an answer due on or before April 13, 2003.

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-7 and 10-23) with traverse. Since claims 8 and 9 are amended herein to depend from claim 1, they are now appropriately classified with Group I, and are elected as part of Group I.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 8 and 9 as follows:

8. (Once Amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein the polyphenol comprises one or more of:

- l) resveratrol;
- m) *Polygonum cuspidatum* extract;
- n) green tea extract;
- o) grape extract;

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